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April 1, 2011

Dear Service Academy Applicant:

Congratulations on your decision to seek an appointment to a United States Service Academy. I am pleased to have you as a candidate for nomination. The following materials are enclosed to assist you in beginning the application process:

- Nomination process instruction sheet (2 pages).
- Application form (4 pages).
- Nomination reference cover form, 3 copies (1 page).
- Notice of interview days for 2011.
- Applicant checklist (1 page)

In addition to applying for a nomination from a member of Congress, you should also apply directly to the individual service academies to open a pre-candidate file. You may receive a nomination to an academy other than your first choice. A completed pre-candidate file at that academy enhances your chances of being offered an appointment.

As you know, entry to a service academy comes at the end of a very competitive process. Approximately 10-12% of applicants are accepted. There are a variety of alternative programs and avenues to pursue in the event you do not receive a nomination, cannot attend the academy of your choice, or will be attending college for a year or two while re-applying for an academy nomination. Please consider us as a resource in the event any of these circumstances occur.

Please adhere to the application process instructions closely as incomplete applications will not be considered. Deadlines will be adhered to absolutely! Your application, letters of reference and all correspondence should be sent as a package to:

Senator Michael Bennet
2300 15th Street, Suite 450
Denver, CO 80202
ATTN: Nominations Coordinator

Thank you again for your desire to serve your country in this way. I wish you well in your efforts.

Warm regards,



Michael F. Bennet
United States Senator

**NOMINATION PROCEDURES FOR CLASS 2016
ENTERING ACADEMIES IN JUNE 2012**

For all Colorado applicants for military service academies

From the office of

United States Senator Michael Bennet

The purpose of the nomination procedure is to present the service academies with qualified candidates from every area of the country. My nomination functions as a recommendation to the academies and it is my responsibility to nominate the best qualified young people in the state of Colorado. In order to do this, I ask that each candidate submit certain credentials which will be evaluated. **It is the candidate's responsibility to insure that the information is submitted by the deadline.** Interviews will be conducted by interview committees in October and November. Applicants will be notified in December.

IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A NOMINATION, YOU MUST TAKE THE FOLLOWING STEPS:

- 1) Complete and submit, **by mail, not fax***, the enclosed Application Form. It is important that the form be filled out neatly and be completed **in ink or typed, and unaltered**.
- 2) Write a Personal Letter (business style) to Senator Bennet explaining your reasons for seeking a nomination to an academy. **Remember to sign the letter.**
- 3) At least one of three Recommendation Cover Forms and Recommendation Letters must be completed by a teacher, principal, or counselor. Other recommendations may be completed by someone who knows you well, but not a family member.
- 4) Attach an official copy of your High School Transcript (if available). **GPA and CLASS RANK are desired (if your school ranks).**
- 5) Attach a copy of your ACT and/or SAT scores, if not already included in your transcript.
- 6) Include a photograph, 3 x 4 or wallet size.

APPLICATION ITEMS SHOULD BE SENT AS A COMPLETED PACKAGE. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS OR APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER OCTOBER 3, 2011 WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

***Faxed applications will be accepted only from students living outside the United States.**

QUALIFYING TEST SCORE GUIDELINES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

AIR FORCE			MERCHANT MARINE		
	<u>SAT</u>	<u>ACT</u>		<u>SAT</u>	<u>ACT</u>
Verbal	590	26	Verbal	520	26
Math	620	27	Math	520	26
Reading		28	Combined	1040	
Science		27			
NAVAL ACADEMY			MILITARY ACADEMY		
Verbal	600	26	Verbal	600	26
Math	600	30	Math	600	26
		Science Rea	Reading	26	26

If you desire to have your test scores sent directly to our office, the following codes apply:

SAT: 4771

ACT: 7112

THE DEADLINE FOR YOUR COMPLETED FILE TO BE RECEIVED IN SEN. BENNET'S OFFICE IS OCTOBER 3, 2011.

If you have questions or inquiries regarding any portion of the application process, you are encouraged to correspond by email to the Nominations Coordinator at: academy_nominations@bennet.senate.gov.

**NOMINATION APPLICATION TO
UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMIES**

**For the Period
April 1, 2011 to October 3, 2011**

(Entry June 2012)

***United States Senator
Michael Bennet***

PLEASE TYPE (preferred) OR PRINT

PLEASE USE THIS ORIGINAL APPLICATION ONLY

Academy Preferences

(Indicate your preferences as 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th choices)

West Point _____ Naval _____ Air Force _____ Merchant Marine _____

Personal Information

Full Name _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Permanent Home Address _____
(Street Address)

(City/Town) (County) (Zip)

Telephone Number _____
(First) (Next)

E-Mail Address _____

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yr) _____ **Soc. Sec. No.** _____

Sex (M / F) _____ **Citizen? (Y / N)** _____

Current Mailing Address _____
(If different from above) (Street Address)

(City/Town) (County) (Zip)

Medical Information Have you had asthma or other respiratory ailments? (Y / N) _____
If yes, age at last occurrence. _____
Do you require corrective lenses? (Y / N) _____

**Name(s) of Parent(s) or
Legal Guardian(s)** _____
(Last) (First) (Relationship)

(Last) (First) (Relationship)

Academic Information

High School

(Name)

(Street Address)

(City / Town)

(State)

(Zip)

(Telephone Number)

(Counselor)

Graduation Year _____

Grade Point Average _____

Class Standing _____

No. of Students in Class _____

ACT Scores: Eng _____ Math _____ Reading _____ Science _____ Date last taken _____

Combined Eng/Writing _____ Writing _____

SAT Scores: Critical Reading _____ Math _____ Writing _____ Date last taken _____

College

(Name)

(Address)

(City / Town)

(State)

(Zip)

Dates of Attendance: From _____
(mm/yr)

To _____
(mm/yr)

Authorization for Release of Information

I release this information to the office of Senator Michael Bennet for use in the Service Academy nomination process. If I am selected for a nomination, I authorize Senator Bennet to release my name as a nominee in press releases and other public documents.

Signature (student): _____

Date: _____

Signature (parent/guardian): _____

Date: _____

School and Community Activities

Briefly describe your involvement in school and community activities in the listed categories. Include information relative to offices held, awards and honors received. Show also years of involvement in each activity. **Only one page in addition to this form concerning activities, awards, etc. will be considered in the evaluation process.**

INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS:

SCHOOL AND CLASS OFFICES HELD:

BAND, DRAMATICS, CHORALE:

SCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES, AWARDS and HONORS:

OTHER ACTIVITIES YOU CONSIDER IMPORTANT, Including job, volunteer/community activities, etc.

SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATION REFERENCE LETTER COVER FORM

United States Senator Michael Bennet

APPLICANT: _____

REFERENCE: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime phone: _____

Other phone: _____

How long known by the applicant: _____

Relationship to applicant: _____

(References may not be relatives of the applicant)

The applicant has requested that United States Senator Michael Bennet consider him/her for a nomination for admission to one of the United States service academies. In your own words, please state in a letter your personal knowledge of his/her qualifications, evaluation of their temperament and bearing, and their motivation to attend a service academy.

Please use this form as a cover sheet for your letter. Please sign and date your letter.

*******RETURN THIS FORM AND YOUR LETTER TO THE REQUESTER FOR INCLUSION
IN THEIR APPLICATION PACKAGE.*******

SERVICE ACADEMY APPLICANT CHECKLIST

The following items **must** be received in United States Senator Michael Bennet's office **no later than** close of business Monday, October 3, 2011. Information should be returned as a complete package.

1. Completed **Application Form**.
2. **Personal letter** (business style, **signed**) to Senator Bennet, indicating your desire to attend a service academy and why he should nominate you.
3. **Official Academic Transcript** sent by the academic institution. Please ensure that the transcript indicates **current GPA and Class Rank**. If an official transcript is not available, send what you have as a placeholder. When the official transcript becomes available have it sent. If your school does not rank students, please contact the Nominations Coordinator at 303-455-7600.
4. **Copies of ACT and/or SAT test scores** if not included on the transcript.
5. **Three Letters of Recommendation**. One must be from a teacher, principal, or counselor. Recommendations from family members will not be accepted.
6. **One photograph**, (3X4 or wallet size).

Please send the information to:

**U.S. Senator Michael Bennet
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Denver, CO 80202
ATTN: Nominations Coordinator**

Questions or comments? Please call the Nominations Coordinator at 303-455-7600 or email academy_nominations@bennet.senate.gov

**United States Service Academy
Nominations
Interview Schedule 2011
(Tentative)**

United States Senator Michael Bennet

The tentative interview schedule for United States Service Academy nomination applicants will be:

Saturday, October 29, 2011:	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Denver and Colorado Springs
Sunday, October 30, 2011:	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Locations To Be Determined
Saturday, November 5, 2011:	10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Locations TBD
Sunday, November 6, 2011:	10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Locations TBD

Interview locations will be in Denver, Ft. Collins, Colorado Springs, and Grand Junction. (Pueblo will be added if sufficient applicants in the area)

Qualified applicants with completed files will receive notification of the date, time and location of their interview.

If you have any questions, direct your inquiries to:

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